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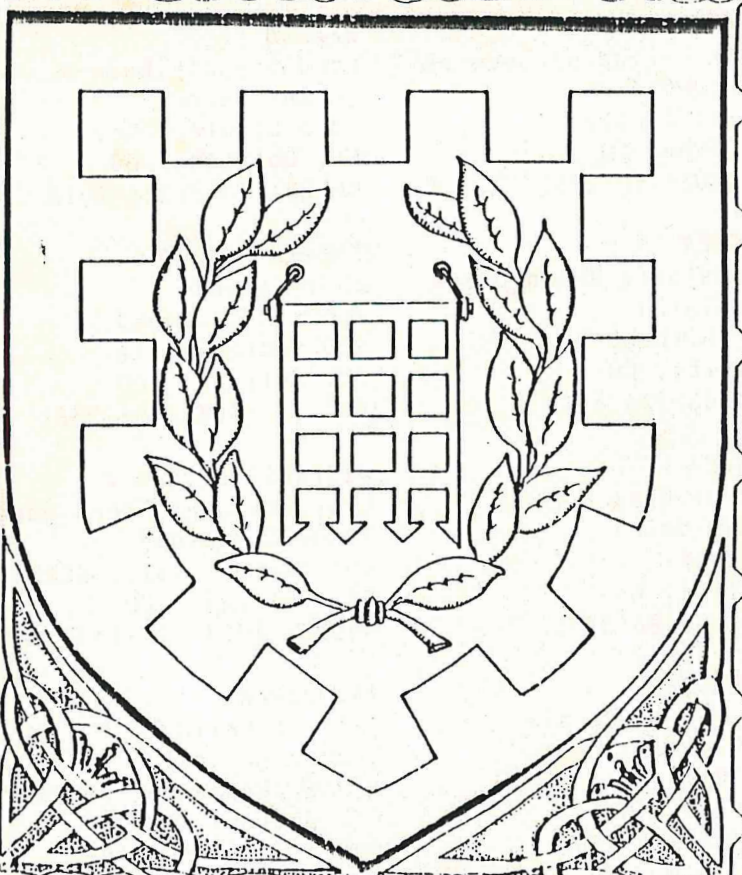

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MAY

The Arms of the Shire of Unser Hafen are blazoned "Vert, a portcullis Or, within a laurel wreath argent, all within a bordure Or." After many trials and tribulations, thanks to Laird Brynnach MacCallum, we have finally gotten a device as far as Laurel Queen of Arms.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY:

2 - ***SHIRE MEETING***, 7 PM, Room 165, Student Center
5 - Coronation (Glen Ora/Ard Thir) Mavellicini (307) 742-6867
15 - ***OFFICER'S MEETING***, 7 PM, 420 Impala
25 - Brigand's Bizarre (Dragonsspine)* Sayyida (719) 576-2892
30 - University of Caerthe*, 7:30 PM, Windhover Cliff
"The Glorious Days of the Roman Empire"

JUNE:

2 - People's Fair (Caerthe) Eadgith (303) 871-0250
9 - Center for British Studies Demo (Caerthe/Caer Galen) Kyriel (303) 530-1037
9 - Bubble Tourney (Dragonsspine) Christianna (719) 635-0645
16 - Llama Lust III (Caerthe)*Odan (303) 622-4343
16 - Dragonsspine Warlord (Dragonsspine)* Lydia (719) 687-1499
23 - MidEastern Tourney,Revel & Camping Event (Caer Galen) Sylvanus (303)499-1667
23 - Banner Tourney II (Windkeep)* Maeve (307) 632-8938

JULY:

14 - Pirate Tourney (Caerthe) Mirianna (303) 694-2534
28 - St. Sebastien's Archery (Hawk's Hollow) Erik (303) 452-0717

AUGUST:

11 - Three Hawk's (Hawk's Hollow) Tambriel (303) 288-3828
25 - Grand Rustic (Glen Ora)

SEPTEMBER:

7 - Highland Games Demo (Estes Park)* Wyndylyn (303) 355-6598
15 - Caerthan Warlord/Premier Blade and Unser Hafen Defender (Unser Hafen) LLamrei (303) 490-2936

Items with * after them are detailed in this issue.

DANCE PRACTICES

Practices are the second and fourth Mondays of the month at Lory Student Center of CSU, from 7 PM until we quit (usually about 9 PM). If you would like to come but can't figure out where, call Kay or Frank at 226-2018 for directions. May practice is on the 14th in Room 228.

CORONATION

The Shire of Glen Ora and the Incipient Shire of Ard Thir are bringing you the coronation of their Majesties Leif and Ishtar's successors. The dates are May 5-6, and will take place in Laramie, Wyoming, at the Civic Center at 9th and Garfield. Due to the unreliability of the weather here in the far north, the entire event will take place indoors. There is no camping available, but there is some crash space available, plus motels near the site. Contact the autocrat about this.

Site fees are $3.00 per adult, $1.50 per child under 15. Feast fees are $10.00 per adult, $5.00 per child, and must be received by April 30th. There will be a limit of 125 feast reservations, and calling us will not guarantee you a reservation, nor will there be reservations at the door. We will have need for some servers and kitchen help, who will receive free feast. Contact the feastocrat.

The schedule will be as follows:

9:00 am Site opens
Protector of the Queen's Heart Rapier Tourney
Arts and Sciences Display
Coronation Ceremony
6:00 pm Feast in the ballroom

Sunday

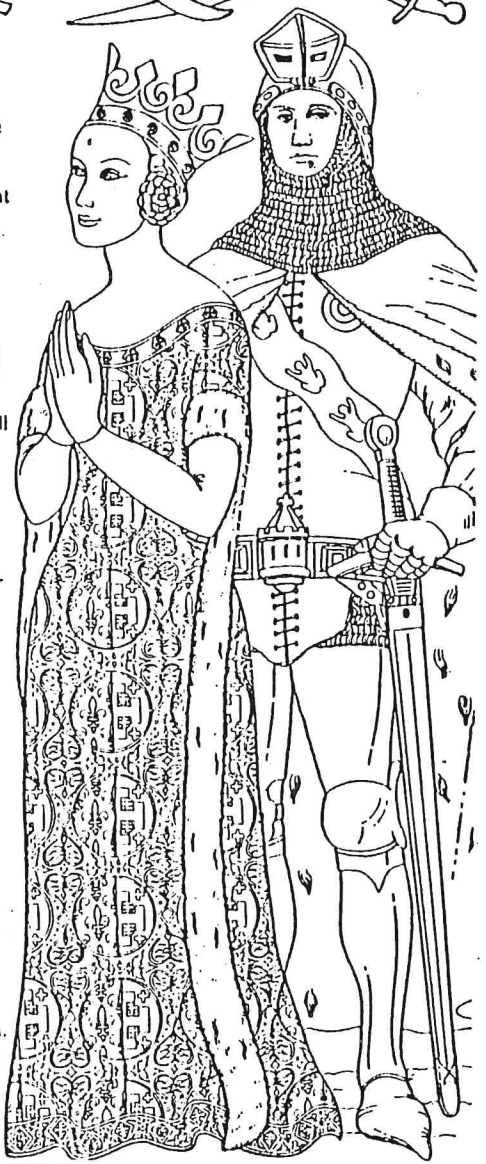
9:00 am Armor Inspection
Queen's Champion Heavy Weapons List
Closing Court

Remember, there will be a possible prize for the best Arts and Sciences display, provided by her Majesty, Ishtar.

The feast will consist of:

Roast Beef	Vegetarian Vegetable Soup
Honey Chicken	Clam Chowder
Saffron Rice	Bread, Butter
Sour Cream Potatoes	Fresh Fruit
Salad	Cheese
Glazed Carrots	Cheesecake & Poundcake

Directions: Take your best route to I-25 north. Head west on I-80 to Laramie, take the Third Street exit. Turn right at the stop sign, head west for 1/2 mile, turn right on Garfield, and head north for six blocks.



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(Brigand's Bizarre II)

MEMORIAL WEEKEND the Barony of Dragonsspine will (again) be hosting Brigand's Bizarre.

This year's site is incredibly wet, has running water, toilets and plenty of shade but you must bring your own firewood. Site will open at 6:00pm Friday, May 25th. Site fees are $7.00 per person, $3.50 for in-be-teens (7-15) and really smalls (6 and under) are free.

The FEAST for Brigand's Bizarre will be provided by the Shire of Unser Hafen and will consist of a meat dish (probably goat and barbecued chicken) and rice pilaf. Dragonsspine will provide dessert (ice cream) and we request that everyone who feasts to please bring a prepared side dish that can be shared with your fellow campers. Feast fees are $3.00 per person and really smalls (6 and under) are free.

Schedule of Events

Saturday		Sunday	
11:00a	Armor Inspection	10:00a	Kingdom Archery
Later	Caravan Raid	11:00a	War College
	Battle at the Beach	Later	Ford Battle
	Sea Battle		Chasm Breach
	Mountain Trail		King/Bridge
	Bridge Battle		Woods Battle
	Tunnel Turmoil		Chariot Chase
6:00p	FEAST		Escort Scuffle
After That	Bardic		Wall Siege

(We will have court if nobility show up and command it)

There will be an Arts & Sciences College and many, many other activities for non-combatants - especially smalls.

Advance reservations are not required or even being requested. If you want to mail us a reservation - S.C.A. Dragonsspine. If not, bring your money to Brigand's Bizarre and the trolls will take care of you.

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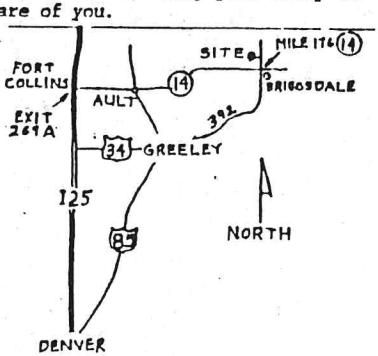

UNIVERSITY OF CAERTHE Centurion Titus Claudius Severus will again tell us stirring tales of the glorious days of the Roman Empire. He will begin with the reign of Augustus, who established policies that guided the Empire through its subsequent history. Then he will take us to the Imperial frontiers, where Roman and barbarian mingled, beginning the long process of cultural mixing that ultimately produced the languages and kingdoms of the Middle Ages and, later, the European nations of modern times.

We will meet on the fifth Wednesday of the month, May 30, 7:30 P.M., at Windhover Cliff, the home of Mistress Kyriel. Maps showing how to get to Windhover Cliff were printed in the May, August and September, 1989, Outlandish Herald and corresponding issues of several Barony and Shire newsletters. All are encouraged to attend. Period garb is optional, but appreciated. For further information, call Lord Titus, 1—490—2936, or Master Robin Vinehall, 444—5004. If you are unable to find a map, call Mistress Kyriel, 530—1037, for directions.

LLAMA LUST III

Unto the populace of the Knowne World, Master Odan av Haloqaland and Lady Alianna merch Gryffydd send most heartfelt greetings.

As is usual this time of year, Master Odan av Haloqaland and his men have grown restless. In order to maintain some semblance of sanity (theirs and ours), my ladies and I have sent them out hunting. In anticipation of a very successful hunt, we have decided to have a celebration and tournament. Therefore, on June 16 and 17, 1990 CE, Master Odan has declared we will host such an event on our country manor, east of Caerthe in the Outlands, which will be called Llama Lust III. We do welcome all who may visit.

This is a camping event, but please remember there is no shade, so bring your own. There is running water. The site is discreetly wet (it is on private land but a mundane official lives across the road), Shrines of St. John of the Stagnant Waters will be provided. Only contained fires will be allowed. The manor is in the country but within a few miles there are a small grocery store, a convenience type store, gas stations and, for the less hardy, a couple of reasonably priced motels.

There will be lists for rattan, rapier and shinai. (Beware: Odan has been thinking!) There will also be various children's events.

Saturday night there will be a feast in a new and larger feast hall. It will include but not be limited to : various finger foods, breads & cheeses, soup, smoked cockatrice legs (turkey legs), sea monster platter (various seafood), dragon bones, various side dishes, fruit, trifle and Haloqaland cookies. Following the feast there will be a bardic circle. This is not a competition. Songs and old war stories are encouraged.

Sunday will be more of the same.

Site fee is $2.00 to help cover the cost of the shrines. Feast fee is $8.00 for adults. Please make reservations by JUNE 10. Make checks payable to SCA-Barony of Caerthe.

Reservations: Baroness Morgana Iregarthen & m'lord Morgand

c/o Jeri Frickey
9340 Ellen Court
Thornton, Colorado 80229
303-287-2717

Overall Autocrat: Master Odan av Haloqaland
303-622-4343

Feastocrat: Lady Alianna merch Gryffydd

Dragonsspine Warlord

Come join the fun!

Where: Red Rocks Campground, North of Woodland Park

When: June 16-17, 1990

How much: 2.00/day or 3.00 weekend

Early birds can get there the evening of June 15th.
Saturday morning - let everyone arrive and prepare for the tournament
Saturday afternoon - Warlord Tournament
Saturday evening - The Wedding
Sunday morning - Treasure Hunt

When you arrive at the gate and pay the troll, you'll receive 5 coins for each person. The object will be to accumulate as many coins as possible during the event and treasure hunt. (Rumor has it there will be a dragon after your coins during the treasure hunt.) At closing on Sunday, the adult and young person with the most coins will win a prize.

You're probably wondering about Saturday evening. The wise autocrat had to reserve the campground so early she didn't realize it was the actual anniversary of herself and her husband. They have decided to celebrate with the many friends that they hope will be there by getting married. They have a small favor to ask - please bring a finger food (or whatever you feel up to) to share after the ceremony. Come join us for a weekend of fun!

Lothar and Lydia

Autocrats:
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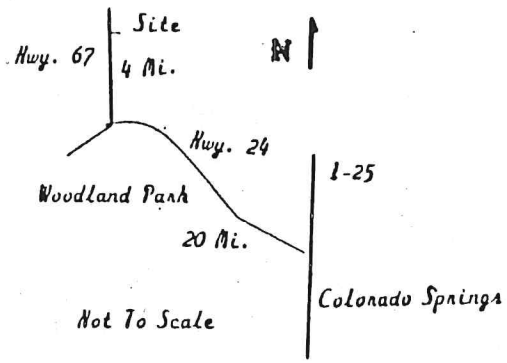
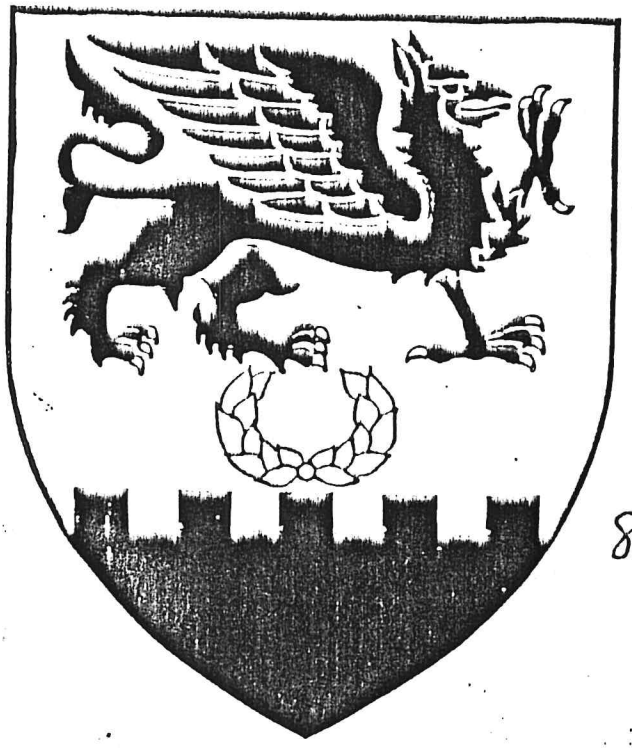


The Shire of Windkeep will once again host the Banner Tourney and Feast on Saturday, June 23, 1990, in conjunction with Superday '90. All entrants in the heavy weapons tournament must bring a banner, and there will be nice prizes both for the tourney winner and for Best Banner. We are also working on having an area for horses, so riders may bring their finely decked palfreys and chargers. For those who wish, there will be outdoor dancing on the green, and merchants are welcome to sell their wares both to the good gentles and to the mundane folk in the park.

Further details (feast site, fees, etc.) will be forthcoming -- keep watching future newsletters.

Autocrat: Lady Maeve (632-8938)
Feastocrat: m'lady Aldith (632-1133)



HIGHLAND GAMES
SEPTEMBER 7-10, 1990

Rooms at the Lodge are going very fast! Make your plans and make your reservations soon.

Reservations for the Lodge should be sent to:

Brian Morman
4725 West Quincy Avenue #1513
Denver, Colorado 80236

Checks should be made to SCA - Barony of Caerthe and should include your Society name on the check. We would also like a list of the Society and mundane names of each person included in the reservation.

All other inquiries: Festival--Wyndylyn (303) 355-6598
Lodge--Duchess Arrowyn (303) 839-5052

Calls will only be answered between 5 pm and 9 pm MDT. Long distance calls will be returned collect. Written inquiries may be sent with a SASE to Wyndylyn c/o Jean Hortman, 2562 Grape Street, Denver, Colorado 80207-3256.

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SENESCHAL'S REPORT

This is it folks! The petition for raising our Shire of Unser Hafen to the Barony of Unser Hafen has been sent to our Crown, our Crown Prince and Princess, the Steward of the SCA, and our Kingdom Seneschal. The ultimate decision on this matter will not be reached until the SCA Board of Directors meeting in July but we should know what the recommendation of the Crown and Kingdom Seneschal will be long before that. Our formal SCA petition will be presented to their Royal Highnesses Artan and Aziza at their coronation in Ard Thir on May 5. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT EVERYONE GO TO CORONATION. Feast Reservations are $10, but there is some limited side board space available. Mavlick, the Seneschal of Ard Thir has personally assured me that everyone from Unser Hafen wanting to participate in the formal petitioning process will be allowed to do so feast reservations or no. Site fee for coronation is only $3. SO GET YOUR BANNERS, ARMOR, WEAPONS, ARTS, CRAFTS, AND BARDIC SKILLS TOGETHER! THIS IS IT! If you are going to process in with the Shire populace for the petition and have something you want to show off (Everyone ought to have something, be it a fancy costume, calligraphy, embroidery, whatever) please let Baron Dirik or myself know in advance, preferably by Populace assembly on May the second, but at the very least before the feast gets underway at Coronation.

We would like everyone that can attend coronation to go. Rides will be available to everyone. It would really be nice to have well over the twenty-five gentles required for a Barony show up at our petition for elevation. This is the Shire's best chance to show the Outlands that we are for real and ready to become a Barony.

In other news on April 8th Lady Ismania and I sponsored a newcomers tourney and revel. The newcomers tourney was won by M'lord Kenzie, fighting for the Roman Empire! Hurray, SPQR! etc. Second place was taken by M'lord Symon, and Third by Karl fighting Florentine(?). The most Chivalrous fighter award went to Orion Wandering Star of Tyger's Keep. It was well earned. We hope to have more of these events in the near future including some newcomers fencing tourneys. The newcomers revel was well attended and much information about courtly graces, fighting, and personas was presented and thoroughly discussed.

Final note 1. I am looking for a few good fencers. One of the things being discussed in Baronial Committee meetings is the possibility of creating a post in the Shire/Potential Barony for fencers similar to our heavy weapons Defender. However, we need a neat original name to give this office. Just as our heavy weapons Defender commands our local heavy troops, the fencing officer would command our light troops. Fencers give it some thought and get back to me on potential names for this office and what type of tourney or contest fencers would want to select a light weapons defender.

Final note 2. Baronial Committees are now required to report their progress each month to me. Each committee chair will provide a written progress report to me at each officers meeting. I will examine each report and relate the relevant information to the populace in my report to the Tosspot and also at populace meeting in conjunction with regular Baronial Committee reports.

Yours in service to Unser Hafen, the Outlands and the Roman Empire,

LORD TITVS CLAVDIVS SEVERVS DSB

Lord Titus Claudius Severus, DSB SPQR

FROM THE HERALD

FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL AS XXIV

Unto the Populace of the Shire of Unser Hafen,

At present, the following Gentles have submissions in the works:

Ja'far al-Taieb Abdurrahim ibn 'Attal - Name is at Laurel Queen of Arms.
Elaine nic Ruari - (Dragonsspine) - Name is at Laurel Queen of Arms.
Lady Theresea die Tanzerin - (Lady Tehri Hadeel) - Name & Device are at Laurel Queen of Arms.
Lady Aileen Bardon - Device, household name, and badge are at Laurel Queen of Arms.
THE SHIRE OF UNSER HAFEN - The names & badges for our four orders are at Kingdom.
Lady Sabhdh ni Donnabhain - Name only is at Kingdom.
Averick of Glen Rowany - Name only is at Kingdom.
Fionnghuala Bethoc of Lindesfarne - Name is at Laurel Kingdom.
THE SHIRE OF UNSER HAFEN - The name for the Baronial Pursuivant is at Kingdom.

Several of our populace are working on names & devices, so it should be a busy month.

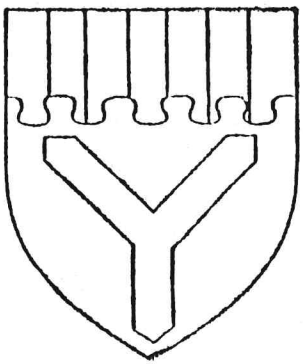
ON APPEAL

Lady Agharet Aethnen filia Cuneddae - Name is being appealed to replace "Agharet" with Hancarata".
Lady Anastazia Winogrodzka - Badge was rejected and has been reappealed to Laurel Queen of Arms.

If you wish to learn about or discuss heraldry, your name and device, or just wish to talk, give me a call at 226-2018.

Your Obedient Servant in the Society
Francis Owen Roderick Keith

Lord Francis Owen Roderick Keith
Unser Hafen Pursuivant Extraordinary



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From the Knight Marshal:

Greetings to the populace. For those who haven't heard, Crown Tourney was held on April 7. Our new Crown Prince and Princess are Artan and Aziza. Long may they reign! The Kingdom Warlord tourney was held the next day, but news of who won has not reached me.

The winner of our own Newcomer's tourney on April 8 was Kenzie O'Padraig. He won a curved shield blank. The prize for chivalry on the field went to Orion Wanderingstar of Tyger's Keep. He received a hand-made pot. The Newcomer's tourney was for people who have been fighting less than a year. It started out as a round robin, but ended up being fought triple elimination when the weather closed in. I want to encourage everyone who fought in the tourney to keep up the good work. There was some really fine fighting and very chivalrous behavior in the tourney. I also want to thank the marshals, water bearers and field heralds, most of whom were new to their jobs.

So far the weather has cooperated and our outdoor practices have been very pleasant. Fighter practice is on Sunday afternoons from 1:30 until we fall down, at Spring Creek Park. Bring water to drink, as none is available at the park and the weather will be getting warmer (I hope!). We welcome all the non-fighters who have been coming to practice. It is fun to get everyone together. If at all possible, we should make an effort to wear garb of some kind to practice. We have been attracting a lot of attention from mundanes in the park, which is really good as long as we make a good impression. If you aren't busy, make an effort to talk to them, answer questions courteously, and explain what is going on. Send interested parties to Lord Titus or milady Averick for information, or to any other officer if they aren't handy.

Please also make sure the mundanes keep their distance from the fighting. Children and dogs can be pretty unaware. Fighters, if you go off to fight somebody, take along someone who is not fighting to watch you and make sure the mundanes keep their distance. This observer doesn't have to be an authorized marshal, just someone who knows what's going on and is willing to watch. If people get too close, stop the fight and politely explain to them that they need to stay back for their own safety. If you have trouble, come to me. Fighters, be listening for holds. Be aware of your surroundings. This is practice, so you are not confined to a field, and there are obstacles like trees and people all over the place.

Now, a word about pells. A pell is a kind of target for practice. The idea is to set up something that is roughly human-sized and shaped and swing your weapon at it, to improve your speed and accuracy. Twenty minutes of pell work a couple of times a week will make an amazing difference in your skill after just a couple of weeks. The pell is the best place to try out new shots and work them up to speed. Because endless repetition is what ingrains movements into your muscle memory, it is a good idea to practice your basic shots over and over on the pell so they become automatic.

There are many ways to build pells for SCA use. The easiest

way is to wrap a length of carpet around a telephone pole or thick fencepost. I don't recommend that you use trees as pells; they are living things and can be injured by being hit just as we can. This time of year they are especially susceptible to bruising of the cambium, the layer of growing tissue just under the bark. You can get a couple of old tires, lace them together and hang them from a post. Tires are less damaging to swords than posts or poles, but they give you an unrealistic bounce-back. The easiest and most realistic pell is a duffel bag stuffed with old clothes or rags, suspended at about man-height.

Use old swords for pell work, to avoid damaging your favorites for combat. Wooden pells eat swords. It is best to do pell work in your armor and helmet, to simulate real fighting, but most of us don't have time for that. Unarmored pell work is valuable too, but don't be too disappointed if you can't do things as well in armor that were easy without it. You can practice accuracy by marking your pell at strategic points (visor, shoulders, legs) and throwing shots at the same mark over and over until you can hit it consistently. Work for control first, then speed, then strength. If you have the first two down, the third will follow.

If you are interested in building a pell or in pell exercises, let me know. A few more bits of information: armoring guild will be meeting on Wednesdays by appointment, call Sir Kevin or me to set something up if you want to work on armor. The fighters of the shire will be marching up together for the presentation of the baronial petition at Coronation. I want us to be able to do a few simple maneuvers in formation, so please come to the processional practice. If you have live steel (real) weapons that you want to carry in the processional, let me know. We want all the fighters to be armed. This includes fencers, too. If you are interested in fighting or marshalling, please contact me or my deputy Galen of Shadowraven.

In Service to Shire, Kingdom and Society,

Lady Mamet Aechnen

TREASURER'S REPORT

FIRST QUARTER REPORT

Opening Balance (December 26, 1989)	$1310.77
Checks Drawn	$ 852.27
Deposits	$1486.25
Closing Balance (March 23, 1990)	$1944.75

In Your Service,
Jiliana Emlin

Greetings. For those of you who were hibernating we have a new king, or will have after Corination, Artan. I took a pleasant trip through the New Mexican desert-side to Carldbad to personally witness the event.

For other news, Lady Terry has found a place for Dance practice, right here at C.S.U. in the student center. We will also be able to have a few events in the Durell Center on campu in the future.

I have recieved the "Chirurgeon's Kit" and I am also officially on the Chirurgeon Roster as an apprentice to Mistres Jeanne. For those of you with a giving heart, Ishtar is collecting money for a Kingdom Oxygen unit that will travel to major Kingdom events. Either write her or talk to me.

Abdul,

Ja'far al-Taieb

Greetings unto the populace from the Mistress of the list!

On March 24 at the Empire Grange Hall, Maximilliam Steanbrycg autocrated at fencing tourney, Passage D'Arms. There were 11 fencers participating. Don Alexander was his marshall. This was a double elimination "king of the mountain" fight. The victor was Don Ian Nightsgate.

The report for the Newcomers Event will be in next months report.

Also, the Shire purchased a wonderful modern device called a file box for the MOL office. Which this MoL Officer greatly appreciates! I didn't lose the office files as badly as I could have when we moved! Thank you all very much!

Yours in service,

Lady Phillippa MacCallum

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